

Lifter Noise

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What's Going On

Our event for June is the Father's Day Car Show in Charlton Park in Hastings on Sunday, June 18. The show officially starts at 9:00 AM but we want to get there early to get a good spot. Therefore we will be meeting at Tractor Supply Company, 2490 M-43 in Hastings, at 7:30 AM. We will depart for Charlton Park shortly after that.

Also in June is the annual Air-Cooled Show at Gilmore Car Museum. The date of this event is Saturday, June 17. While this is not an official club event, a lot of club members attend on their own and there is usually a good showing of Corvairs. We will not be meeting as a group to rally there; just show up on your own.

Future WMCC events include our summer picnic at Bob Muir's cottage on Lake Michigan on Saturday, July 15 and the Red Barns Spectacular at Gilmore Car Museum on Saturday, August 5. Look for more information on these events in future newsletters.

The CORSA International Convention is taking place on June 19 - 24 in Wisconsin Dells, WI. We usually have a few WMCC members that attend. For more information, go to corsaconvention.com.

Another Corvair event that may be of interest is the annual Corvair Homecoming put on by the Detroit Area Corvair Club. This year it takes place on July 13 - 16, which happens to be the same weekend as our summer picnic. For more information, go to the event website [here](#).

There seems to be a show every weekend plus many cruise nights. Go to our [events page](#) to see a list of shows happening throughout the summer.



Spring Dust Off Recap

On Saturday, May 20, 10 Corvairs from the West Michigan Corvair Club met up with the Detroit Area Corvair Club in Lansing. Norm Witte hosted all of us at his home and group of barns, also known as Barntopia. Norm had his collection of cars on display as well as a vintage Starcraft pop-up camper. All of the cars from WMCC arrived without incident. Unfortunately, that was not the case for DACC. One car broke down on the way to Lansing and another snapped a clutch cable just as it arrived at Barntopia. Everyone who attended had a great time and hopefully this becomes an annual event. Thank you to Norm Witte for hosting us! Below are a few pictures from Norm and other WMCC members. I will put something together for our website in the near future.



President's Prose

By Dave Dykwell

It was a clear and cold morning as I left the house to meet up for the Spring Dust Off. Let's see; car is running good, full tank of gas, new oil, filter, air pressure set all around and reasonably clean. Ready to go. A mile down the road, a young but full size deer, decides to run out in front of the Spyder ... brake check complete.

As I'm by myself motoring down the road my mind has tendency to wander. Everything seems good for the hour long trip to Lansing so I relax and enjoy the drive. Didn't know we'd be doing 70 mph to get there but when the head of the formation is driving a race car you might expect that. Any way it was a great drive to the Dust Off even if I had to activate the heater periodically.

Once at *Barntopia* I was impressed by the organization, attention to details and the generosity of the DACC people and most importantly Norm Witte. They made a Welcome banner, had a photographer (drone as well), arranged parking, took notes and put out an assorted cookie spread with complimentary waters – though everyone was drinking from a can. I felt bad for Norm's wife since the only bathroom was in their house and there was a line all day. Also felt bad for the owner of a concours '64 Spyder as it was pulled onto a flatbed. It fell victim to the dreaded snapped clutch cable. As far as Dust Offs go, this was a great experience. I'd highly recommend the Club do something similar next year.

As I'm driving home alone my mind is wandering again, this time to my tires. The road produced a very pronounced “whump whump whump whump” at every road seam. I wondered about my tires. After all, they're over 15 years old now but still look great. However, according to US DOT, the average tire life is 6-7 years. Older tires should be replaced. According to Car and Driver, your classic car tires should be swapped out every 10 years regardless of tread wear. So ... are my tires making my Corvair UNSAFE AT ANY SPEED? Sounds like it. I wonder how many other Classic Car drivers are egregiously guilty of maltire age?

Now I totally love my Cooper Cobras [205.60.13] and am majorly disappointed that the tire is no longer made. Also, I've heard the complaints about size availability and limited sources. Therefore, I've dreaded this moment. However, thanks to the all knowing internet, my search found several brands same as my Cobra's and at normal prices. In fact, I can even buy a set of BF Goodrich TA Radials in the size I need. No worries Maan! Anyone want to buy a nice set of low mile Cooper Cobra RWL tires ... Cheap?

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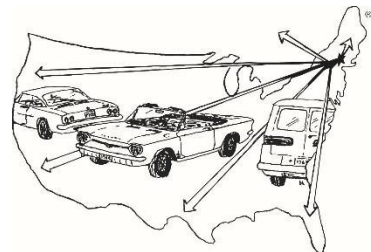
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WMCC Calendar

June 18	Fathers Day Car Show in Charlton Park in Hastings
July 15	Summer Picnic at Bob Muir's cottage in West Olive
August 5	Red Barns Spectacular at Gilmore Car Museum
October 14	Fall Color Tour
December 9	Christmas Party

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